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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

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1876 (203-1834)

First named inventor: Scott E. Manzo et al.

Application No.: 08/816,615

Art Unit: 3738

Filed: March 13, 1997

Examiner: D. Isabella

Title: GRAFT ATTACHMENT ASSEMBLY

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

- ☐ Small entity-fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Other than small entity - fee \$ 1,540.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of Petition (identify type of reply):

- ☐ has been filed previously on _____.
- ☒ is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ _____.

- ☒ has been paid previously on February 9, 1999.
- ☐ is enclosed herewith.

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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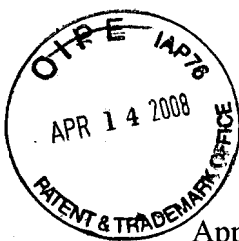
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PETITION TO REVIVE APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)

Sir:

The above-identified application ("subject application") was indicated in the Notice of Abandonment, mailed February 23, 2000, to have gone abandoned because of "Applicant's failure to timely file new formal drawings as required in the Notice of Allowability."

Applicant's respectfully petition to revive the subject application under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b).

FACTS SUPPORTING PETITION

On November 9, 1999, a Notice of Allowability and a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due were mailed by the Examiner in the subject application setting the issue fee due date for February 9, 1999. The Examiner also required new Formal Drawings to be filed by the February 9, 1999 due date. On February 9, 1999, Neil D. Gershon, Esq., an attorney of record by

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Dated: April 11, 2008


Christopher G. Trainor

Power of Attorney filed on March 13, 1997, filed the issue fee of \$1,320.00 and three sheets of Formal Drawings (See Exhibit A) under separate Certificates of Mailing dated February 9, 1999. In each of these filings, the Serial No. was incorrectly identified as 08/816,165. The correct Serial No. for this application is 08/816,615. A return postcard, filed with the Formal Drawings, was stamped received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 12, 1999 (copy enclosed as Exhibit B).

Because the filings were inadvertently directed to the wrong application serial number, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed in the subject application on February 23, 2000 indicating that the application was abandoned in view of "Applicant's failure to timely file new formal drawings as required in the Notice of Allowability."

In response to the Notice of Abandonment, on March 8, 2000, Mr. Gershon filed a letter (copy enclosed as Exhibit C) outlining the facts set forth above with attached copies of relevant documents. This letter was also inadvertently directed to Application Serial No. 08/816,165. No further response was ever received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the subject application.

In or about July of 2000, Mr. Gershon left the employment of United States Surgical Corporation ("USSC"), assignee of the subject application. Since the person most familiar with the application, Mr. Gershon, was no longer employed by USSC and all of the requirements for issuance of the application appeared to be satisfied, the application did not appear on the docket of any of the attorneys remaining at USSC and USSC failed to recognize that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office did not respond to Mr. Gershon's letter of March 8, 2000. As such, Applicant's only realized that the application had not passed to issue in early August, 2002.

On August 28, 2002, Christopher G. Trainor, Esq. of Carter, DeLuca, Farrell & Schmidt, LLP ("CDFS"), outside counsel for USSC filed a Petition To Revive Application Under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(a) (see Exhibit D). This petition met the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.137(a) and included a copy of the formal drawings previously submitted on February 9, 1999, the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(l) and a statement that the entire delay in filing the petition from the due date for the formal drawings until the filing of the petition was unavoidable. However, the Petition To Revive Application Under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(a) was also inadvertently forwarded to Application Serial No. 08/816,165 instead of 08/816,615. Because Applicants believed that all requirements had been met for issuance, this application did not appear on the docket of any of the Tyco Healthcare (now d/b/a Covidien)¹ attorneys, assignees of this application.

A status check for the above-identified application was indicated on Mr. Brian Lefort's docket in October 2006. Mr. Lefort was in-house counsel for Tyco Healthcare in October of 2006. However, Mr. Lefort was traveling overseas much of his time towards the end of 2006 and the beginning of 2007 and left his position at Tyco Healthcare in February 2007. Thus, the status check was never performed.

The above-identified file was eventually transferred to Neil D. Gershon, Esq. who was now serving as outside counsel for Tyco Healthcare. When Mr. Gershon noticed the past filing errors, he requested that CDFS prepare and file a renewed petition to revive this application.

In light of the facts set forth above, Applicant's hereby petition for revival of the subject application under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b). Accompanying this petition are:

¹ USSC was acquired by Tyco Healthcare.

i) a copy of the Formal Drawings previously submitted on February 9, 1999 including a copy of the cover letter filed therewith; and

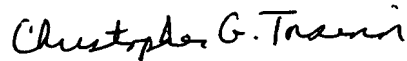
ii) the Issue Fee Transmittal of February 9, 1999

iii) the petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m).

The entire delay in filing this petition, including submission of the attached copy of Formal Drawings, from the due date for the Formal Drawings until the filing of this petition was unintentional.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(m) in the amount of \$1,540.00 to Deposit Account No. 21-0550. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 21-0550.

Respectfully submitted,



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